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In re application of: Gearing, David P., et al

Application No.: 09/811,088

Group No.: 1646

Filed: March 16, 2001

Examiner: Elizabeth Kemmerer

For: NOVEL GENES ENCODING PROTEINS HAVING PROGNOSTIC,
DIAGNOSTIC, PREVENTIVE, THERAPEUTIC AND OTHER USES

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT, PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
TO MAINTAIN PARENT CASE THAT IS TO BE ABANDONED
WHEN FILING NEW APPLICATION CLAIMING ITS BENEFIT

1. The amendment in this case is a *bona fide* attempt by applicant to respond and to advance this application to final action. It comprises a separately filed continuation application.

A copy of this amendment and petition is being filed with the papers constituting the filing of the separately filed application.

2. This is a petition under 37 C.F.R. section 1.136(a) for an extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed June 26, 2002.

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3. Please abandon this application conditioned upon the granting of the petition and the granting of a filing date to the continuing application, so as to make the continuing application copending with this application. (*Notice of May 13, 1983, 1031 O.G. 11-12*).
4. Applicant is other than a small entity.
5. Extension requested

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. section 1.136 apply.

Applicant petitions for an extension of five months time under 37 C.F.R. section 1.136(a).
(fees: 37 C.F.R. section 1.17(a)(1)-(4)).

Fee: \$ 1,960.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

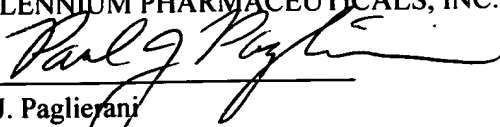
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